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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Pantoliano *et al.*

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Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand  
Development and Multi-Variable  
Protein Chemistry Optimization**

Art Unit: 1743

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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